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Following is text of a message (the original is being pouched)
 handed me by the Prime Minister for transmission to you:

RMR "Jerusalem, 29th October 1962.

Dear Mr. President,

I appreciate the fact that your government kept us informed of your policies in relation to the grave question of Soviet missile bases in Cuba, since your historic speech of 22nd October I have been following the situation closely. I would not burden you at this time with a lengthy communication. It is sufficient to say that I have the utmost understanding of the motivations of your action and the highest admiration for its courage. I want to congratulate you on the important success you have achieved. Your leadership and determination have strengthened the cause of world peace. Your sincerely, signed D. Ben-Gurion.

"The Honorable John F. Kennedy President of the United States Washington, D.C."

The Prime Minister does not intend to release this message for publication.

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Note: Relayed to White House 10/30/62

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